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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:
Roberts**

Serial No.: 10/607,510

Confirmation No.: 4809

Filed: June 26, 2003

For: Method and Apparatus for Backing off a Tubular Member from a Wellbore

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2006

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 23, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 23, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes there are no fees due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0393/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.